would continue to be undertaken during the next two years, as approved in the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07).

Welfare of adolescent children

3316. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Government's plans to provide shelter, health care and education to adolescent children;

(b) whether Government have set up Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) throughout the country for welfare of these adolescent children; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Various programmes are already being implemented by the Government to provide shelter, health care and education to adolescents. These include:

(i) an Ingegrated Programme for Street Children (beneficiaries includes adolescents).

(ii) schemes for the educational empowerment for schedule castes viz. (a) Centrally sponsored scheme of Girls and boys hostels belonging to scheduled castes, (b) centrally sponsored scheme of coaching and allied assistance for weaker sections including scheduled castes, other backward classes and minorities, (c) centrally sponsored scheme of pre-metric scholarship to the children of those engaged in unclean occupation.

(iii) Under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme, free and compulsory elementary education is being provided to all children including girls in the age group 6-14 years. Two focussed interventions—(a) National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL) for enhancing girls education in educationally backward blocks and (b) Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidhyalaya (KGBV) Scheme have also been launched for setting up residential schools at elementary level for girls belonging predominantly to the SC, ST, OBC and minority.

(iv) Kishori Shakti Yojana.

(v) Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls.

Moreover, a comprehensive adolescent friendly health care package of services is being proposed under RCHII on a pilot basis in 75 districts in

the country by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

(b) and (c) To address the needs for self development, nutrition and health status, literacy/numerical/vocational skills etc. of adolescent girls, a scheme viz. Kishori Shakti Yojana is being implemented, using the ICDS infrastructure, in 2000 blocks in the country. State-wise coverage of blocks under Kishori Shakti Yojana is given in the Statement (See below)

Similarly, a Pilot Project viz. Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls (NPAG) is operational, through ICDS infrastructure, in 51 districts. Under this Project, free foodgrains are provided to undernourished adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women.

Statement

Statement Number of Blocks sanctioned for implementation of Kishori Skakti Yojana

SI.No.	States/UTs.	No. of Blocks sanctioned			
		Existing AG Blocks (1991-92)	Sanctioned during (2000-01)	Sanctioned during (2001-02)	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	37	25	1	63
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1	Ni	20	21
3	Assam	10	Nil	52	62
4	Bihar	56	101	2	159
5	Chhattisgarh	Nil	13	83	96
6	Goa	1	Nil	Nil	1
7	Gujarat	15	25	Nil	40
8	Haryana	4	81	M	85
9	Himachal Pradesh	1	14	NIL	15
10	Jammu & Kashmir	2	Nil	NIL	2
11	Jharkhand	18	22	26	66
12	Karnataka	23	8	7	38
13	Kerala	13	NIL	M	13
14	Madhya Pradesh	48	61	125	234
15	Maharashtra	39	46	13	98
16	MaNilpur	1	NIL	13	14
17	Meghalaya	1	Nil	22	23
18	Mizoram	1	Nil	21	22
19	Nagaland	1	Nil	40	41

1	2	3	4	5	6
20	Orissa	24	31	57	112
21	Punjab	3	44	Nil	47
22	Rajasthan	24	141	Nil	165
23	Skkim	1	Nil	Nil	1
24	Tamil Nadu	33	4	N9	37
25	Tripura	1	Nil	15	16
26	Uttaranchal	Nil	39	1	40
27	Uttar Pradesh	99	324	Nil	423
28	West Bengal	41	14	2	57
29	Delhi	3	Nil	Na	3
30	Pondicherry		Nil	NH	
31	A&N Island		Nil	N9	
32	Chandigarh		Nil	Nl	
33	D&N Haveli		Nil	Nil	
34	Daman & Diu		Nil	Na	
35	Lakshadweep		Nil	Na	
	TOTAL	507	993	500	2000

National Commission for Children's Right

3317. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are in the process of formulating a legislation to set up a National Commission for Children's Right in keeping with UN convention on the issue;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what exactly is the UN convention on the children's rights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) A proposal to constitute a National Commission for Protection of Child Rights is under consideration for proper enforcement of children's rights and effective implementation of laws relating to children. India is a signatory to the UN Convention on the rights of the Child and the Commission would also consider implementation of the provisions of the Convention.

(c) The Convention on the Rights of the Child provides for several rights of children for their survival, development and protection, such as, education, health nutrition, water and sanitation, protection from economic and sexual exploitation, etc.